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REQUEST FOR FILING CONTINUATION APPLICATION  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)

This is a request for filing a continuation application under Rule 53(b) (37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)) of co-pending prior application Serial No. 09/630,983 filed August 2, 2000, entitled ASCORBIC ACID PRODUCTION FROM YEAST by Danilo Porro and Michael Sauer.

1. Enclosed is a copy of the prior application Serial No. 09/630,983 as originally filed, including specification, claims, drawings, and declaration. The undersigned hereby verifies that the attached papers are a true copy of the prior application as originally filed

and identified above, that no amendments (if any) referred to in the declaration filed to complete the prior application introduced new matter therein, and further that this statement was made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statement may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

(a) The inventorship is the same as prior Application Serial No. 09/603,983.

2. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$750.00 to cover the filing fee as calculated below and the fee for any new claims added in the Preliminary Amendment referred to in Clause No. 7 below.

CLAIMS AS FILED IN THE PRIOR APPLICATION  
LESS CLAIMS CANCELED BELOW

| FOR                               | NUMBER<br>FILED | NUMBER<br>EXTRA | RATE      | FEE             |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------|-----------------|
| Basic Fee -----                   |                 |                 |           | \$750.00        |
| Total Claims                      | 3 - 20 =        | 0 X             | \$18.00 = | \$ .00          |
| Independent Claims                | 3 - 3 =         | 0 X             | \$84.00 = | \$ .00          |
| Multiple Dependent Claim(s) ----- |                 |                 |           | \$ .00          |
| <b>TOTAL FILING FEES:</b>         |                 |                 |           | <b>\$750.00</b> |

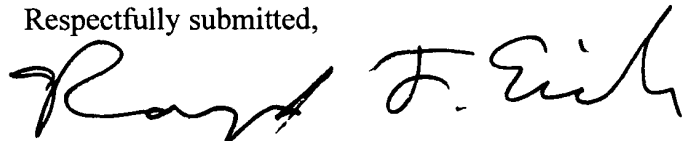
3. If the check is missing or insufficient, the Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 which may be required for any reason relating to this document, or credit any overpayment to Williams, Morgan & Amerson, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50-0786/2027.594097RFE.
4. Enclosed is a copy of the current Power of Attorney in the prior application.

5. Address all future communications to:

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6. The prior application is presently assigned to Biopolo S.C.a.R.L.
7. Enclosed is a preliminary amendment. Any additional fees incurred by this amendment are included in the check at No. 2 above and said fee has been calculated after cancellation of claims and after amendment of claims by the preliminary amendment.
8. Enclosed is a Statement as Required Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(f).
9. Enclosed is a diskette containing the sequence listing.
10. Enclosed is a Declaration of Biological Culture Deposit.
11. Information Disclosure Statements (IDS's) are enclosed.
- (a) Forms PTO-1449.
- (b) Copies of IDS citations.
12. Return Receipt Postcard.

Respectfully submitted,



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